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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MAY 27 MEETING IN PARIS WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA

1. THE SECRETARY MET WITH JAPANESE FONMIN
MIYAZAWA ON MAY 27 AT USOECD. THERE FOLLOWS SUMMARY OF
MAJOR POINTS DISCUSSED DURING FORTY-MINUTE CONVERSATION.

2. VIETNAM- MIYAZAWA OFFERED ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION IN
SVN BASED ON REPORTING FROM GOJ EMBASSY SAIGON.
HE SAID NORTH VIETNAMESE INFLUENCE IN SVC HAD STRENGTHEN-
ED FOLLOWING MAY 15 LIBERATION DAY CELEBRATION. DRV
HAD APPARENTLY DECIDED TO EXERCISE CONTROL OVER SOUTH
THROUGH PARTY RATHER THAN FORMAL GOVERNMENT APPARATUS,
WITH SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLES' REVOLUTIONARY PARTY
BEING ABSORBED BY NORTH VIETNAMESE LABOR PARTY. JAPANESE
CONSIDER PHAM HUNG TO BE LEADING FIGURE IN SOUTH,
EXERCISING MORE INFLUENCE THAN HYUNH TAN PHAT OR TRAN
VAN TRA. JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS SENSED INCREASING RADI-
CALIZATION IN SVN SINCE MAY 15, WITH STUDENTS ORGANIZING
TO OPPOSE "BOURGEOIS" TENDENCIES, ETC. MIYAZAWA INDI-
CATED THAT JAPANESE WERE ABLE TO OPERATE THEIR EMBASSY
WITHOUT SERIOUS INCONVENIENCE IN SAIGON, BUT EXPRESSED
PARTICULAR CONCERN OVER SOME MEMBERS OF ROK EMBASSY
STAFF WHO HE SAID WERE STRANDED IN SAIGON FOLLOWING
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TAKEOVER DESPITE THEIR EXPECTATION THAT THEY WOULD BE
EVACUATED BY AMERICAN HELICOPTERS.

3. SECRETARY SAID HE WAS UNAWARE THAT MEMBERS OF

ROK EMBASSY STAFF HAD BEEN LEFT IN SAIGON, EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN, AND EMPHASIZED THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN ISSUED TO EVACUATE ALL KOREANS EVEN BEFORE DECISION WAS MADE TO EVACUATE ALL AMERICANS.

4. MIYAZAWA ASKED IF SECRETARY WERE CONCERNED OVER REPORTS THAT NEW REGIME IN SVN MIGHT ALLOW SOVIETS TO USE NAVAL FACILITIES IN CAM RANH BAY. SECRETARY SAID VIETNAM WOULD CLEARLY LEAN MORE TOWARD USSR THAN CHINA. SOVIET USE OF CAM RANH BAY WOULD POSE COMPLICATIONS BUT WE ARE FAR MORE CONCERNED OVER EFFECTS OF COLLAPSE OF VIETNAM ON MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA.

5. KOREA - MIYAZAWA SAID THAT ROK WAS BADLY SHAKEN BY COLLAPSE OF SVN BUT DOUBTED THAT ROK GENUINELY QUESTIONED US COMMITMENT. SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THAT ADMINISTRATION IS CONFIDENT OF ITS ABILITY TO DEFEND ROK IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CRITICIZING DOMESTIC OPPONENTS OF US PRESENCE IN KOREA FOR CHOOSING MOMENT OF CRISIS TO LASH OUT AT ALLY AND ROKG FOR SHORT-SIGHTEDLY IMPOSING REPRESSIVE MEASURES. HE STATED THAT JAPAN'S SECURITY IS PRINCIPAL REASON FOR US COMMITMENT TO DEFEND ROK. MIYAZAWA SAID HE HOPED TO EMPHASIZE JAPAN'S WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH ROK BY RESUMING ANNUAL MINISTERIAL TALKS IN SEPTEMBER.

6. THAILAND - IN RESPONSE TO MIYAZAWA'S QUERY, SECRETARY SAID WE PLAN TO ACCELERATE REDUCTION OF OUR MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND ONLY IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS BY THAI GOVERNMENT. HE SAID HE VIEWED IT AS INEVITABLE THAT THAIS WOULD ADJUST TO SOME EXTENT TO NEW CIRCUMSTANCES IN SEA. HE THOUGHT THAT THAI GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO DESIRE SOME US MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND AND INDICATED THAT WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO MAKE IT EASY FOR THAI GOVERNMENT TO LET US REMAIN.

7. CHINA - MIYAZAWA NOTED THAT WORD "HEGEMONY" WAS SECRET

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STUMBLING BLOCK TO JAPAN/PRC FRIENDSHIP TREATY AND SAID P.M. MIKI HAS ASKED HIM AGAIN TO QUERY SECRETARY REGARDING ITS INCLUSION IN SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. SECRETARY EXPRESSED UNCERTAINTY AS TO EXACT REASONS FOR USE OF THAT WORK IN SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE BUT SAID WE HAD NO OBJECTION TO ITS USE IN JAPAN/CHINA TREATY, SO LONG AS IT WAS CLEAR THAT IT WAS NOT DIRECTED AT US. IN RESPONSE TO MIYAZAWA'S QUESTION, SECRETARY SAID PRESIDENT STILL PLANS TO VISIT CHINA AND THAT THE TRIP WOULD NOT ENTAIL DRASTIC CHANGES IN US/CHINA RELATIONSHIP. HE SAID PRESIDENT WAS CONSIDERING VISITING OTHER ASIAN NATIONS, INCLUDING JAPAN, IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHINA TRIP.

8. MIDDLE EAST - IN RESPONSE TO MIYAZAWA'S QUERY,
SECRETARY INDICATED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO CONDUCT
SUCCESSFUL ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS IN MIDDLE EAST PRIOR
TO GENEVA TALKS, IF ISRAELI DOMESTIC SITUATION WOULD
ALLOW FOR COMPROMISE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT WE WILL NOT
TOLERATE A STALEMATE IN MIDDLE EAST.
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